

**CHAPTER NO. 306**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1575**

**By Representative West**

**Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1695**

**By Senator Haynes**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 25-5-101, relative to judgment liens.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 25-5-101, is amended by designating the existing subsection (b) as subdivision (b)(1), and by adding the following language to the beginning of new subdivision (b)(1):

Except as provided in (b)(2),

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 25-5-101(b), is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision thereto, as follows:

(2) Judgments and decrees obtained by a governmental entity from and after July 1, 2005, in any court in counties having a metropolitan form of government with a population of more than five hundred thousand (500,000) according to the 2000 federal census or any subsequent census, shall be liens upon the debtor's land from the time a certified copy of the judgment or decree is registered in the lien book in the register's office of the county where the land is located. If such records are kept elsewhere, no lien shall take effect from the rendition of such judgments or decrees unless and until a certified copy of the same is registered as otherwise provided by law.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: May 19, 2005**

  
JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

**APPROVED this 6<sup>th</sup> day of June 2005**

  
PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR